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To: Mrs. Lesley Weiss

Chair

The U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad

Washington DC

Dear Mrs. Lesley Weiss,

On behalf the **Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania (Fedrom)** and of myself, please receive our heartfelt and deepest appreciation for the unconditional and long lasting commitment for the cause of preserving and saving the Jewish Heritage of Romania, as part of the national and universal heritage, of the **U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad**.

The **U.S. Commission** has contributed generously with grants, that made possible for completion of several Jewish Heritage Projects in Romania, so important because the decimation of Jewish population of Romania during the Holocaust, such as:

- the Restoration of the vandalized monuments, at Giurgiului Jewish Cemetery, and most recently;
- the realization of the Memorial for the Victims of Holocaust, located next to the Gherla Synagogue, near Cluj, and
- the realization of the Memorial for the Martyrs of Bucharest Pogrom of January 1941, located in the heart of former Jewish Quarter, next to the Great Synagogue of Bucharest, where the atrocities have started.

You have made your very short stay in Bucharest, of May 2016, for a very meaningful and valuable mutual experience, while visiting with Lucia Apostol, Fedrom Architect for Preservation, the Jewish Heritage sites and cultural properties of the city.

We at the **FedRom**, have followed, with greatest interest, and appreciation your work as Chair of the U.S. Commission, your commitment to see the ongoing fulfillment of the 1992 agreement signed by our respective Governments for



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preservation of these sites. We also have seen your tireless and fruitful efforts to enlarge the circle of countries engaged in preservation of cultural heritage, by signing last year the agreement with Belarus, beyond most optimistic expectations, making the almost impossible as possible and viable.

Under your distinguished leadership, the **US Commission** engagement for the preservation of Jewish Heritage throughout the World, for remembrance and against Holocaust negation, as a gesture of human solidarity in the context of respect for human rights, has become a highest moral and ethical mission for the salvage of a past, and almost lost, valuable part of a Cultural Heritage, as part of your National Heritage, and as part of World Heritage, by and large.

We are very proud and grateful having the **US Commission**, and you, as our partner, and we hope for continuing to work together in the future.

Wishing you further success and fulfillment in your important mission for many years to come,

With feelings of highest esteem and consideration,

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